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AMENDMENTSTOTHEDRAWINGS:

The attached sheet(s) of drawings includes changes to Figures 2, 4, 5, 8, 9, and 10. The sheet containing Figure 2 has been amended to provide a partial sectional view of the area of the articulating storage bin wall allowing for more clear illustration of the manner of attachment of spring 8 to lower pin 9 located on the exterior wall of said bin and the upper pin 9 located on the door trim panel 100. The sheet containing Figures 4 and 5 has been amended to properly label locking detent portion 4A in each figure, provide a clearer indication of the relationship between the storage bin 10 and the trim panel 100, as well as more clearly illustrate the guide trough 4 in the storage bin wall and the boss 5 located on the door trim panel 100. The sheets containing Figures 8 – 10 have been amended to more clearly illustrate the location and action of spring 80 and spring retaining clip 81 located on the door trim panel 100 and the boss 5 located on the articulating storage bin 10.

Attachment: Replacement Sheet(s)
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REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

In the specification, the paragraphs [0021], [0022], and [0023] have been amended to correct typographical errors, more clearly define Applicants' invention, overcome the objections of the Examiner.

In the claims, claim 6 has been amended to correct a typographical error pointed out by the Examiner.

In amended Figures 2, 4, 5, 8, 9, and 10 the drawings have been corrected to show more clearly the claimed invention and to overcome the Examiner's objections.

No new matter has been introduced by these amendments.

Claims 6 – 16 remain in this application. Claims 1 – 5 have been canceled.

The Examiner has acknowledged that Claims 6 – 10 are directed to allowable subject matter. Claims 11 – 16 have now overcome the 35 U.S.C 112, first paragraph, rejection in light of the corrected drawings filed herewith and are now also in condition for allowance.

Applicants acknowledge the prior art cited by the Examiner as being pertinent but not used as a basis of rejection. Applicants make no further comment regarding these cited references at this time.

Applicants state, in light of their obligations under 37 CFR 1.56, that the claimed invention of all the claims remaining in this application were commonly owned at the time these inventions were made.

The Examiner has rejected Claims 11 – 16 under 35 U.S.C. 112, first paragraph as failing to comply with the enablement requirement. Specifically, the Examiner states: "It is unclear how the spring cooperates between the storage bin and the door trim (see drawing objections above)."

Applicants respectfully traverse this rejection. In light of the corrections to the drawings containing Figures 8 – 10 the manner of cooperation of the spring between the storage bin and door trim panel is now very clear. In light of the amendments to the Figures 8 – 10 this basis of rejection is now moot and Applicants respectfully request the removal of said rejection.

The Examiner has rejected Claims 1 and 2 under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by De Boer (US 1,700,121). By this amendment Claims 1 and 2 have been

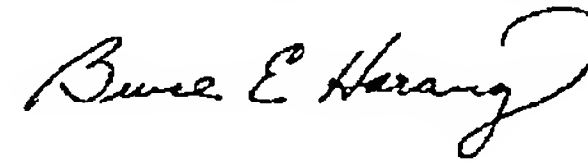
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canceled and therefore this basis of rejection is now moot. Applicants respectfully request said rejection be removed.

The Examiner has rejected Claims 3 – 5 under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over De Boer (US 1,700,121) in view of Nichols (US 5,535,571). By this amendment Claims 3 – 5 have been canceled and therefore this basis of rejection is now moot. Applicants respectfully request said rejection be removed.

In view of the remarks herein, and the amendments hereto, it is submitted that this application is in condition for allowance, and such action and issuance of a timely Notice of Allowance is respectfully solicited.

Respectfully submitted,



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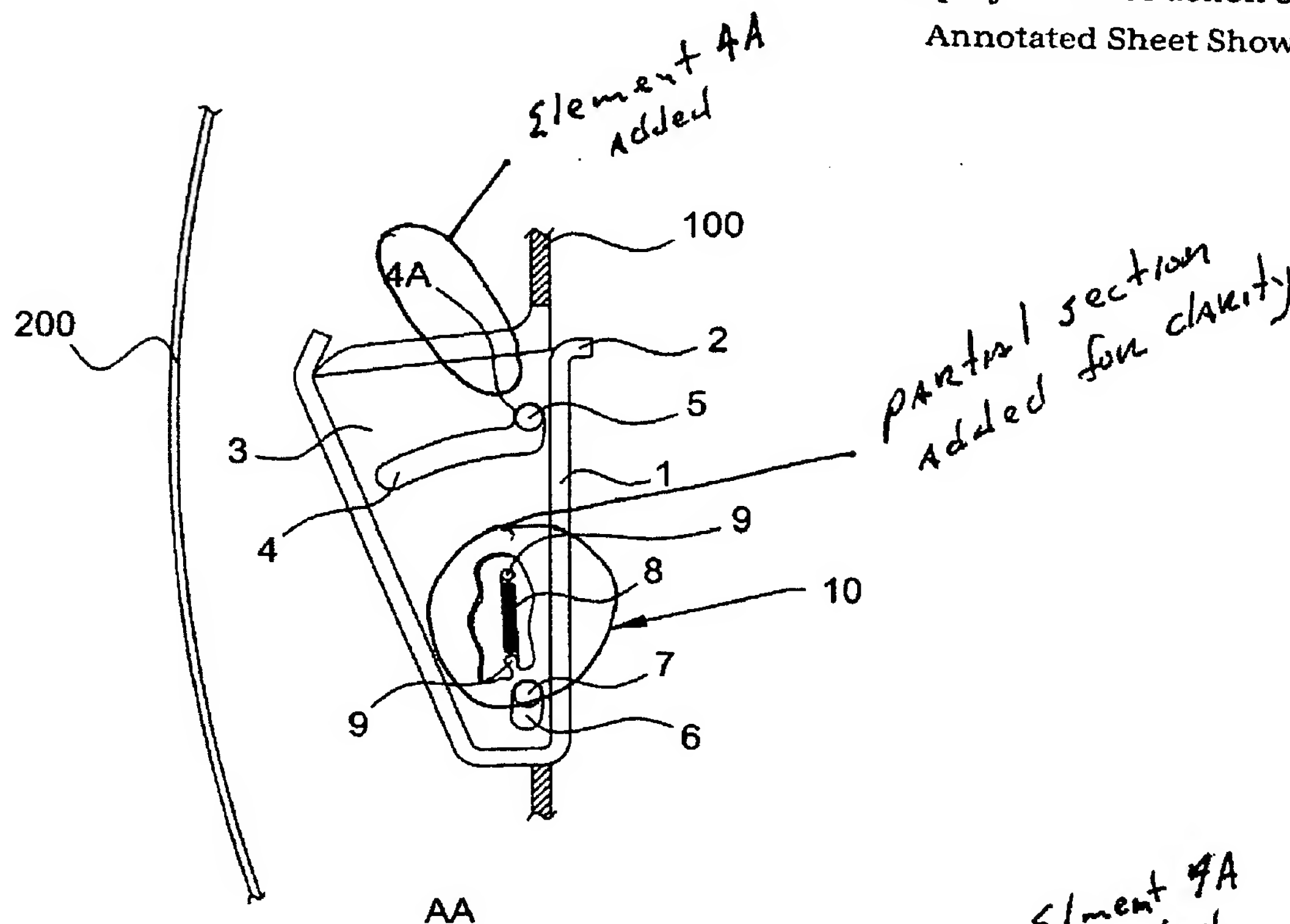


Fig. 2

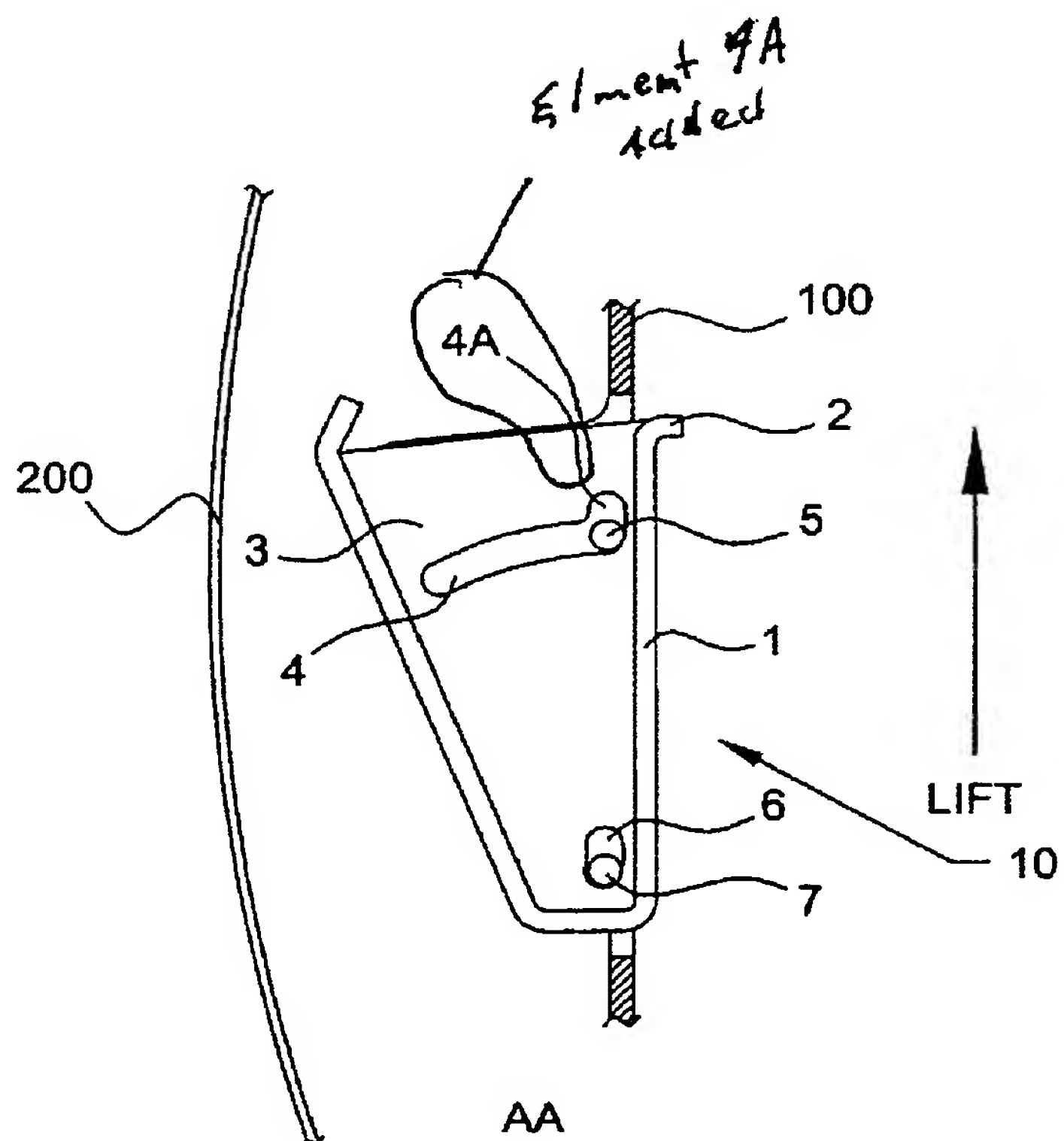


Fig. 3

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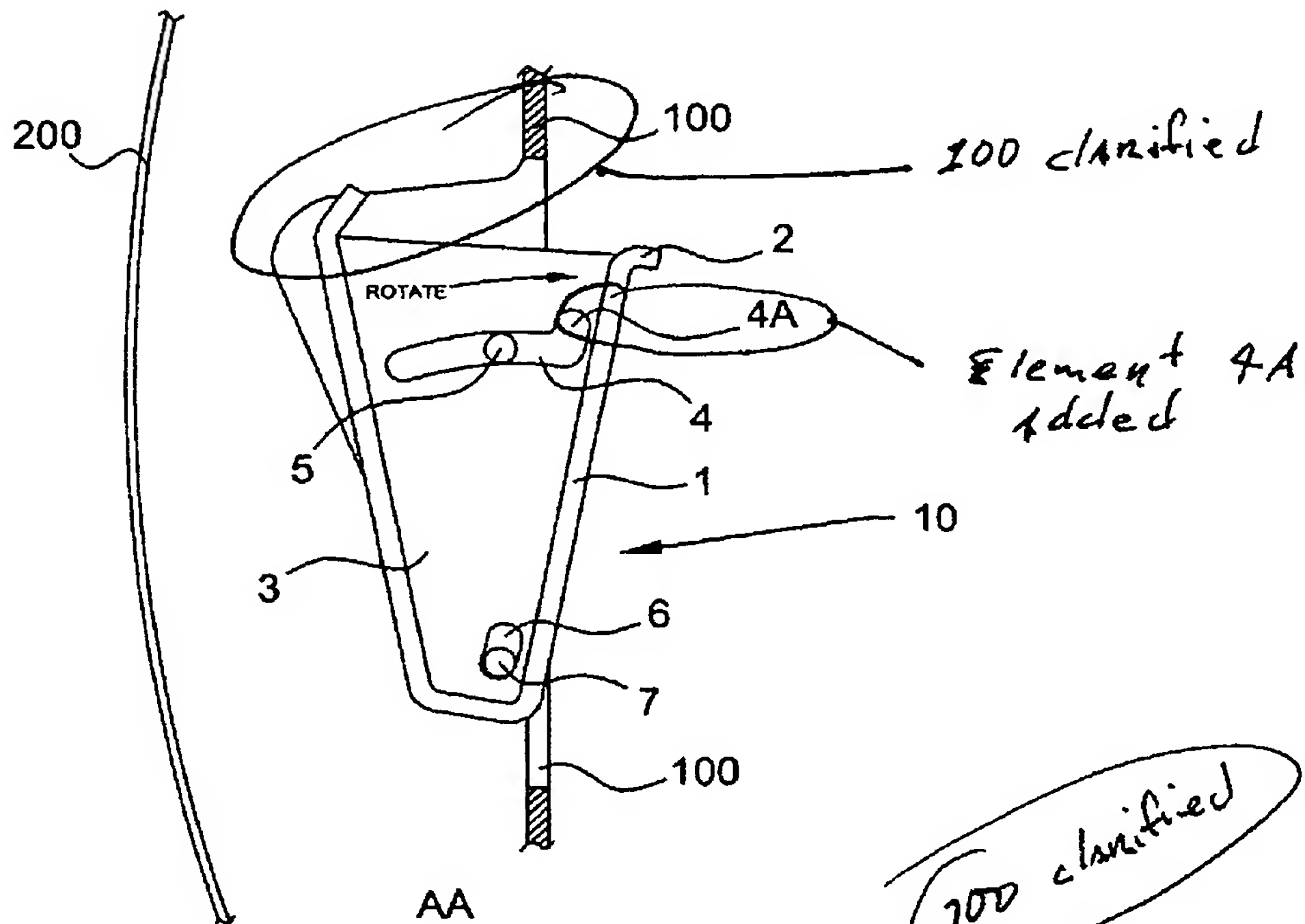


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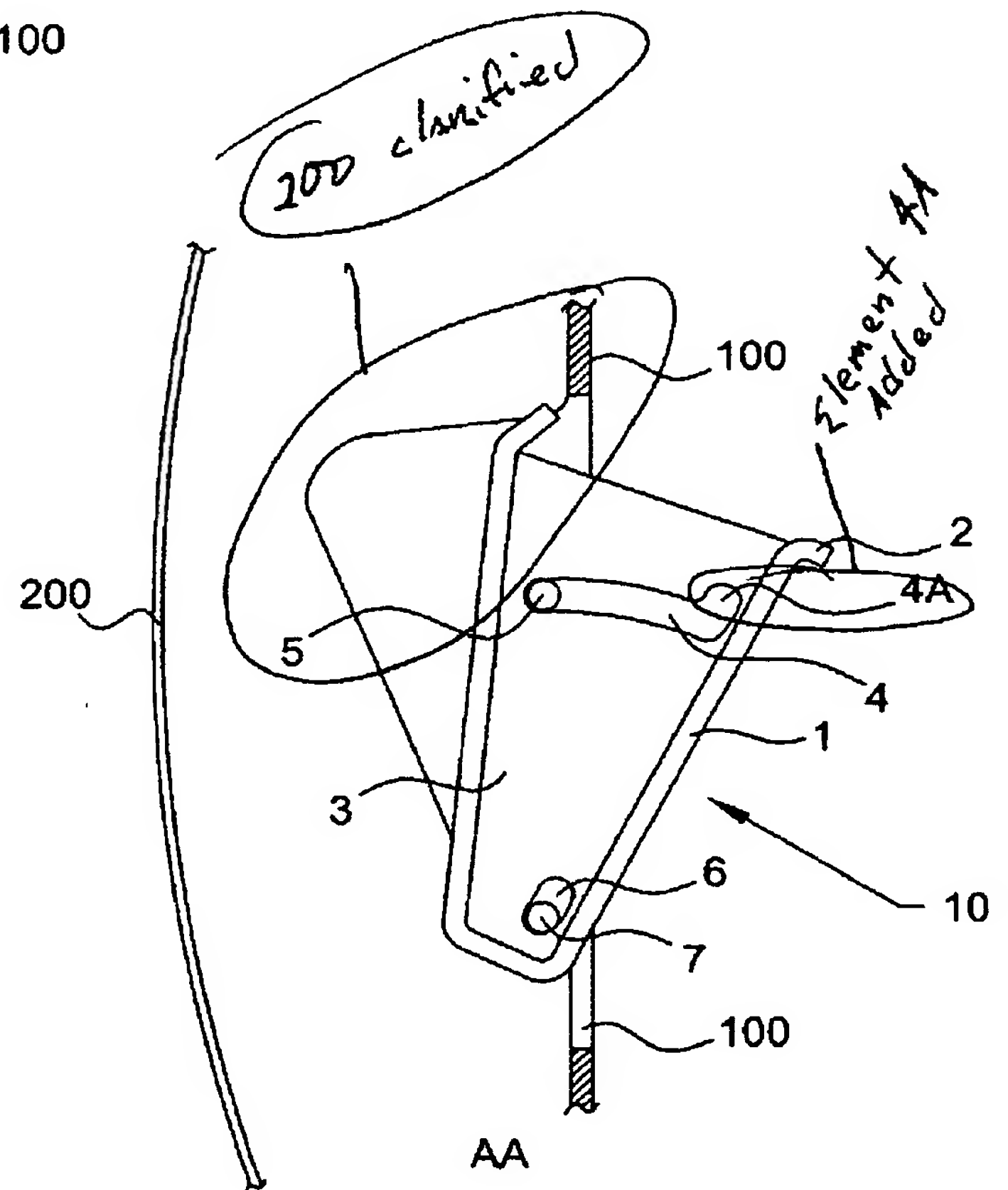


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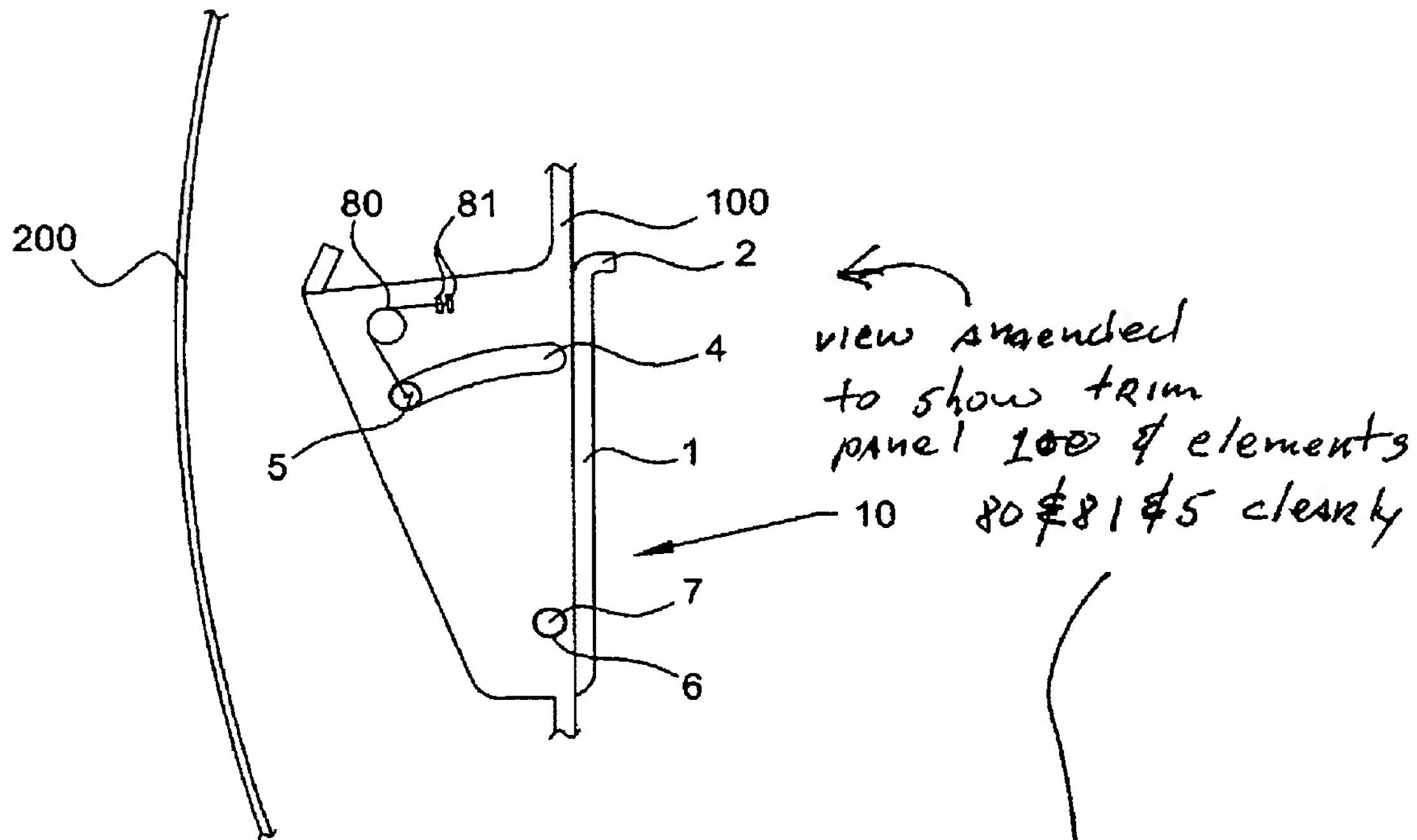


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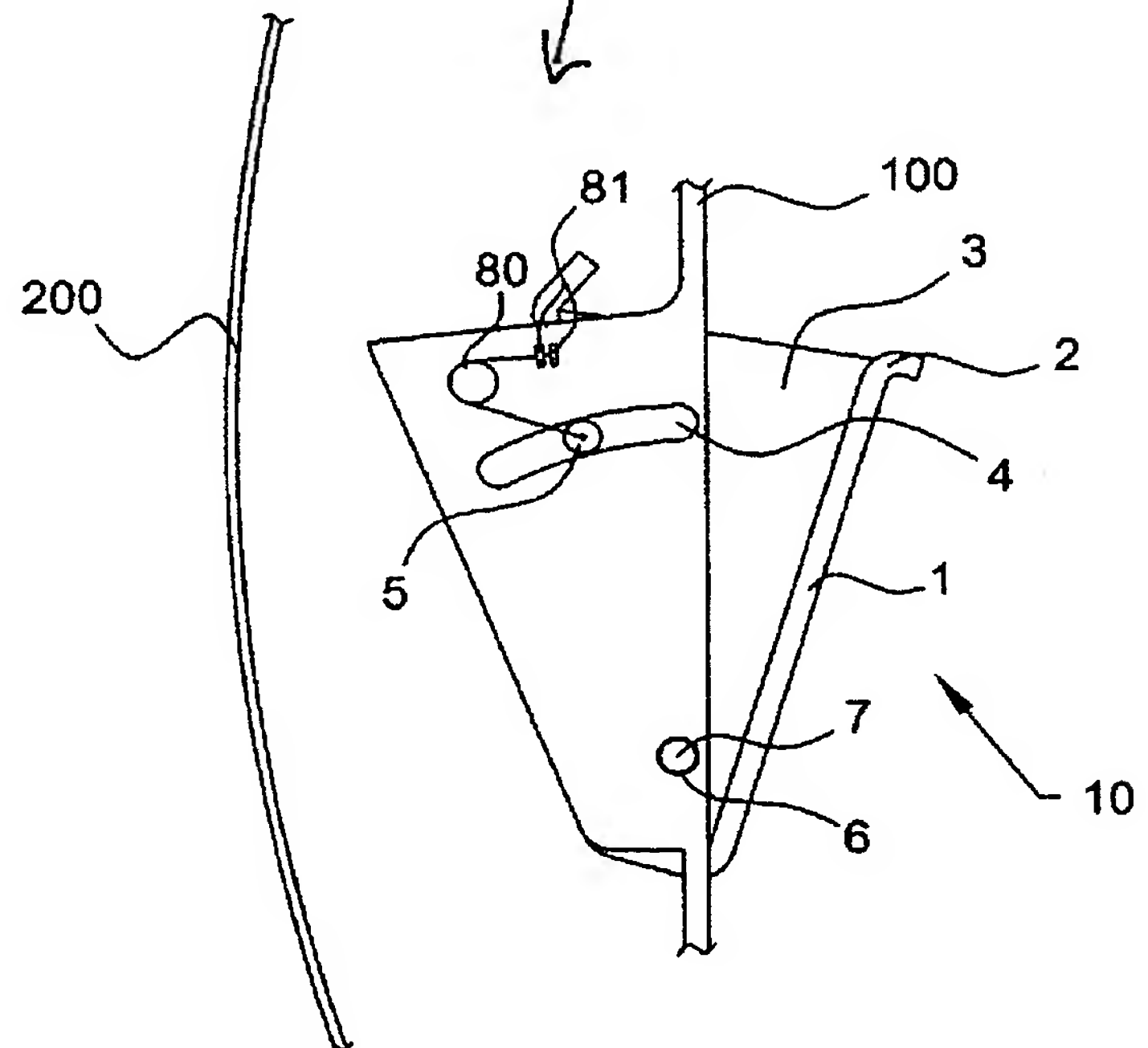


Fig. 9

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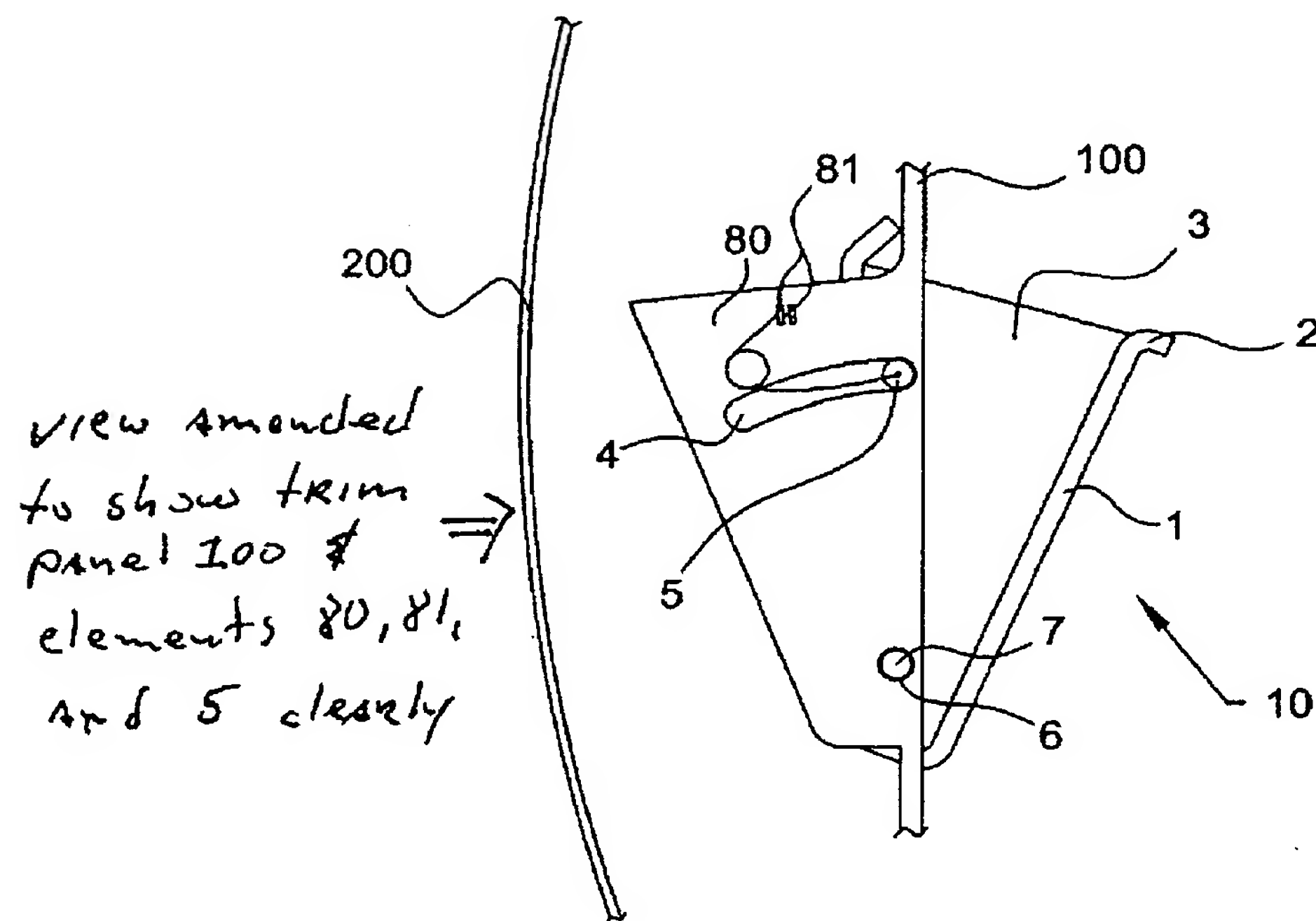


Fig. 10